Production of Pyrazinamide

581. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pyra-zinamide an essential antitubercular drug is being manufactured in India;

(b) what are the details of the permits issued for the import of intermediate for making this essential drug;

(c) whether this drug has also been put under Open General Licence with heavy customs duty (953);

(d) whether drug's intermediate viz pyrazmine monocarboxylic acid (PMA) is charged 140 per cent; and

(e) whether Government are aware that it is cheaper to import pyrazina-
mide in the finished form instead of importing the intermediate and manufacturing pyrazinamide in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pyrazinamide is listed under Open General Licence items. As such, no permits are required. For Pyrazinamide, customs duty is 100 per cent.

(d) The customs duty charged on Pyrazmine monocarboxylic acid is
141. 5 per cent.

(e) Price of Pyrazinamide as fixed under Drugs Prices Control Order, 1979 is Rs. 1, 273. 55 per Kg. No de tails of parity between the import price of Pyrazinamide and Pyrazmine monocarboxylic acid are available.

Polyester Filament Yarn Project by M/S. Khoday Distillers

582. SHRI SURAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s Khoday Distillers Limited Bangalore have applied for the grant of Letter of Intent for setting up a Polyester Filament Yarn Project in Cuttack District with capacity of 15000 TPA and the same was recommended by-the Government of Orissa in March, 1986; and

(b) if so, by when an approval is likely to be given by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M|s Khoday Distilleries Ltd., Bangalore have since been issued a letter of intent for establishment of a new undertaking in any centrally declared backward area in the State of Orissa for manufacture of Polyester Filament Yarn for a capacity of 15, 000 tonnesjannum.

Setting up of Terephthalic Acid Project in Cuttack

583. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in June, 1986 Orissa Government recommended to the Central Government for the setting up of Terephthalic Acid Project in Cuttack district with annual capacity of 50, 000 tonnes; and

(b) if so, what is the decision of Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Industrial Promotion